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SALISBURY, N.C. - The Armstrong Atlantic State volleyball squad closed out action in the 2010 Catawba Invitational on Saturday by picking up a pair of wins. The Pirates began the day with a 3-0 victory over Pfeiffer, then closed out the invitational with a 3-0 win over host Catawba.

Armstrong Atlantic (3-1) handed the host Indians (2-1) their first loss of the young season in a 25-16, 25-15, 25-15 victory in the afternoon over the tournament hosts. The Pirates opened up the match on fire, hitting .419 in the first set, and continued to hit solidly for the rest of the match, finishing with a .282 hitting percentage. Senior **Gwen Clarke** led the way with a match-high 14 kills and no errors in 22 attempts for a .636 hitting percentage. Freshman setter Megan Pando delivered 31 assists and added 13 digs, while junior Casey Howett also collected 13 digs.

Catawba was led by Kaitlyn Whitmer's eight kills, Denise Grissom's 11 digs and Alli Parrish's 17 assists.

The Pirates hit an impressive .302 as a team in knocking off the Falcons (0-3) earlier in the day. AASU racked up 17 kills in the 25-17 first-set win, then held Pfeiffer to just three kills and a -.174 hitting percentage in the 25-10 second-set win. The Pirates closed out the match with a 25-18 win in the third set, hitting .312.

Sophomore Brittany Wolf collected a career-high 11 kills with just two errors in 15 attempts, hitting a career-best .600 and also tallying seven blocks. Junior Torrie Bevolo hit .321 with 11 kills and a game-high 13 digs, while Pando tallied 31 assists and four service aces.

Pfeiffer was led by Abbie Ovbey's seven kills and .417 hitting percentage, as well as Kaci Markham's 11 digs and Colleen Wands' 23 assists.

AASU returns to action on Tuesday, September 7, as the Pirates visit cross-town rival Savannah State for a 7:00 p.m. match with the Tigers.





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